

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes  
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**Monday  
November 1, 2010  
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with seven (7) District Advisory Board members in attendance five (5) city staff and six (6) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

Cathy Landwehr  
Charlie Claycomb  
Pat Randleas  
Scott Dunakey  
Bob Aldrich  
John VanWalleghen  
Anita Mendoza

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood  
B.C. Newby, Fire  
Officer Schweithale, Patrol South  
Officer  
Officer Lang, Patrol North

**DAB Members Swear-In**

*Karen Sublett, City Clerk* swore DAB VI members in for the New Year term of 2010-2011.

**Council Member Miller** called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked DAB members to introduce and give some background on themselves and tell how long they have been serving on DAB. Also, **Miller** reported that **Jaya Escobar** had completed her eight years on DAB and **Marsha Carr** and **Carol Skaff** were resigning due to personal obligations. **Miller** said she would continue to look for other District 6 residents who may want to serve on DAB.

**Landwehr** arrived at 6:42 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of Minutes for September 15 were approved as submitted (**Dunakey/VanWalleghen 7-0**) and October 4 were approved as submitted (**Dunakey/VanWalleghen 7-0**)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted (**Aldrich/Randleas 7-0**)

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time

2. **Off-agenda items:** *Ron Robertson* lives near 13<sup>th</sup> Topeka and said he wanted to discuss two issues the change in street lights along 13<sup>th</sup> and Topeka and the possibility of a new retail store near 13<sup>th</sup> and Broadway.

**Miller** told *Robertson* there had been a request from neighbor's near 13<sup>th</sup>/Topeka/Emporia to look at taking out the stop lights along 13<sup>th</sup> street and turn them into residential streets. **Miller** also said she knew the lot on the NE corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Broadway had been purchased and some form of retail wanted to move in and the area was properly zoned for it. **Miller** continued saying due to all the calls and emails she was receiving on this topic she has asked staff to come and explain more about it at the December DAB meeting and area residents would be notified of the meeting.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

**STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**3. Community Police Report**

**Patrol West:** *Officer Davidson* reported Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> would be the *Toys for Tots Toy Run* to begin at Lawrence Dumont so please be prepared for this event as there will be lots of traffic. This year police are not involved as much and the route has been changed. There has been a traffic complaint near 1100 W River Blvd. Officers are monitoring traffic for speeders.

**Patrol North:** *Officer Jerrell* reported with the Christmas holiday approaching it is best to keep your tree clear of the windows as burglars are looking through windows at trees with presents around it so they can break in and steal.

*Jerrell* asked the neighborhood assistant to approach him so he could present the *Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall* a plaque for participating in the *Walk against Gang Violence* held this year in April. This year we had over 2000 people participate and plan to hold it again but not sure when and in what location of the city.

**Patrol South:** *Officer Schweithale* reported there have been some small spike in larcenies and officers were working on special assignment. Please don't leave your valuable items in open view. Officers again have worked under cover to try and catch some suspects along with checking databases and pawn slips to see if we can track some of the stolen goods. **Aldrich** asked about the graffiti letters KOD what it means he saw near the Art Center at Douglas and Topeka Gallery 12 and Mead's Corner. He said it was the first time he had seen this. *Schweithale* said the graffiti had been cleaned and most of it usually comes from the skaters trying to claim their property. *Schweithale* said he keeps paint in his car and if he sees graffiti he tries to get it covered immediately. If it is gang graffiti notify police and if it is just graffiti contact OCI at 268-4481 to take care of.

**Patrol North:** *Officer Burnett* Beat 42 reported the KOD stood for Kids of Destruction and have been around since 2002. They are mainly kids ages 12-14. *Burnett* said he and *Officer Jerrell* have been working between Waco and Santa Fe and have made 13 arrests and written 32 citations. We are trying to help out with the issues along Broadway.

**Landwehr** asked what the crimes were and *Burnett* responded all crimes including one prostitution case. We held a sting back in September, some in the morning others in the afternoon. We were pushing the prostitution back and forth from South to North Broadway and at present there is none on Broadway. We have clocked over 50 hours on bike and 30 hours on foot contacting businesses and trying to gain trust also with the citizens.

**Miller** mentioned a new marquee on one of the hotels did that mean new ownership. *Burnett* responded that the Auto Inn had a new manager and he said the old manger used to help officers out with the prostitution problem.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

**4. Fire Department Report**

*Fire Batallion Chief Newby* from Batallion 1 at Douglas/Grove reported the first week in October was Fire Prevention Week. There would be activities with 1000 school kids at Cowtown. He said the message this year was the *Smoke Alarm a sound you can live with*. *Newby* also reported the second week in November was the Kansas Firefighter Memorial along South Broadway. There were five fire deaths in the state for this year and the firefighters would be honored. Also *Newby* reported 25-incidents, 170-surface alarms and 718 total calls.

**Miller** thanked *Newby* for coming to the last District VI Coffee.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

**New Business**

**5. Westar Energy- ReliabiliTREE a NEW Vegetation Management Program.**

*Caroline Williams and Jean Shuler, Westar* presented the ReliabiliTREE a NEW Vegetation Management Program. *Schuler* said this was an initiative to improve reliability and support safety initiatives and a public education campaign to keep electric lines clear and to plant the right tree in the right place. This is a program that would allow re-pruning and removing additional trees, applying herbicide on a four –year cycle along with looking for any worn equipment to repair prior to failure. Wichita will need 17 more new people for jobs and they will start in the NE area as that is where the greatest vegetation is. *Westar* will notify the resident ahead of time and if trees need to be removed they will work with the customer. There will be an online site to find out what part of town they will work in.

**Landwehr** asked if the herbicide would kill her plants. *Williams* said the dense material would be cleared out and then herbicide would be applied with a sponge and won't be put on the grass or anywhere else. The homeowner will be notified when we do this.

**VanWalleghen** asked if he could receive information so that it could be added to the neighborhood newsletters.

**Miller** asked if they would draft a short newsletter article and send to the neighborhood assistant and she in turn would get out to everyone so they could get the word out on the program.

**Mendoza** asked if they had the material in Spanish. *Williams* said they would provide both.

**Aldrich** said he commended Westar for their pro-active approach to the tree issue. There are a lot of trees on the right-of-way and some of the previous cutting they have done doesn't look so good. **Aldrich** included if they had thought of removing the v-cut trees and replacing with hardy trees that would not grow into the lines, this would probably reduce future program costs.

*Williams* said they were working with the City to replace trees and *Westar* will match the \$50,000 used to replace trees. There will be an application process the neighborhood/homeowner would do.

**Miller** asked if they would be working closely with the Park Department. **Aldrich** said don't plant Bradford pear trees. **Miller** said correct and asked what length of time the \$100,000 would be used in. *Williams* said for one year. **Miller** told **Aldrich** she appreciated his assisting with this program and asked if this would include distribution lines in alleyways.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** Receive and file

**6. Recommendations for FY 2011-2012 Funding Allocations: CDBG, HOME, ESG Funds**

*Brad Snapp and Lesa Lank, Housing* presented on the funding priorities for year starting July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. A Power point presentation was used to explain the overview.

**Mendoza** stated she was a part of *Community Housing Services* that received some of the funding from this program and should not participate in the discussion.

**Aldrich** asked how much of these services overlap with other agencies that pertain to the city and/or non-profits, the process needs to be streamlined. *Snapp* said a lot of the funds may overlap.

**Miller** said non-profits provide for women services but the city does the funding.

**Aldrich** mentioned city inspected sidewalks and the charge for replacement went to the property owners. *Snapp* responded possibly not for low income people.

**Miller** said if the sidewalk needs to be replaced it is assessed to the homeowner. Was this request for lower income neighborhoods? **Aldrich** said he supports providing for sidewalks for low income neighborhoods.

**Aldrich** asked what if one agency wanted to eliminate the Grants Review committee. Response was it would need to be approved by council and the city manager.

**Landwehr** said there is no NIS (no allocation-10-11). *Lank* stated some programs are revolving and we don't get it as people pay loans. This keeps itself going.

**Randleas** asked about Home Repair/Administration and how many employees? *Lank* said it is greater due to revolving loans and there are (6) + employees.

**Aldrich** said it is hard to make a decision as we don't know what other dispersments are for these issues.

**Miller** asked if we were approving funds for category. *Correct.*

**Landwehr** asked about funding for last year Summer Youth Employment program? *Lank* stated yes it was provided with prior year funds.

**Randleas** asked if the people receiving homeownership assistance were still in the homes. *Snapp* said in all his time he only knew of two foreclosures as the participants are scanned very carefully for the program.

**Aldrich** asked about the neighborhood assistants overhead costs. *Lank* responded the numbers he was looking at was 100% of their salary including 30 hrs. /pay for the supervisor.

**Claycomb** asked if the acronyms could spell out what they are as we have no idea what this means.

**Aldrich** asked what % of the homeownership programs make their payments. *Snapp* said he didn't know as the loan was added as a second mortgage to pay back.

**Miller** thanked everyone for all the questions that were asked as she appreciates the input.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** The District Advisory Board provided comments and written recommendation per worksheet provided for funding allocations for fiscal year 2011-2012.

#### 7. Nomination of Grants Review Committee Representative

*Brad Snapp*, Housing staff reviewed the process of serving on the Grants Review Committee and asked for a representative from DAB VI to serve on the committee.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** The District VI Advisory Board made a motion to nominate **Scott Dunakey** to serve as a District VI representative for the Grants Review Committee. (**Aldrich/VanWalleghen 8-0**)

**Miller** introduced *David Babich*, WIN representative who was present to hear more about the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Funds. *Babich* said the presentation was good to hear in more detail.

#### 8. OCI Year-end Summary for VNR, Tall grass, Weeds and Abatement

*Julie Irvin*, OCI staff presented on the annual review summary (handout) of Vacant-Neglected Rentals, tall grass, weeds and abatement. *Irvin* said this was the fourth year for the program and has been very successful. Nuisance properties continue to be identified and are given six months to bring into compliance. *Irvin* said her department took over the tall grass and weeds inspection since August 2010 and she started with 4589 cases this year and with budget cuts she was able to use \$20,000 abatement funds. There are still 400+ cases open but no more to open for this year. We plan to start mowing sooner next year but it will depend on the weather.

**Aldrich** asked how much did this have to do with court. *Irvin* responded the cases come and go with court as some residents like to play the court system. Some owners face criminal charges and fines end up in collections.

**Miller** asked if we were billing delinquent property owners. *Irvin* said yes or it goes on their property taxes.

**Van Walleghen** said he appreciated OCI working with neighborhoods.

*Irvin* said OCI had lost seven staff due to lack of business because of the economy problems and OCI maintains around 4000 active housing cases all year long.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

## **BOARD AGENDA**

### **9. Problem Properties**

**736 N. Hoover:** Trash and debris in front and back. Also, the storage shed collapsed.

**751 N Hoover:** Pallets and skids on right of way around the tree. Also, dogs are tethered to tree hours at a time.

**100 block on N. Mosley:** Used cars

**Douglas at Meridian:** Pump debris- big pile

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

### **10. Neighborhood Reports**

No neighborhood reports were given.

### **Updates from the councilmember**

- Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> will be the next coffee.

### **Announcements**

- Next DAB meeting will be on Monday, December 6, 2010

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

### **Guests**

Dick L. Siemer

Jose H. Salcido WPD

Ron & Janice Robertson

Joe Camp WPD

Greg Boygian

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant